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C O N F I D E N T I A L KIGALI 0322

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, WHO, KS, KN, KW

SUBJ: NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION FOR WHO MEMBERSHIP

REF: KIGALI 0302

1. ROK CHARGE HONG JUST CAME IN WITH CONFUSING TALE  
BASED ON MESSAGES FROM HIS GOVERNMENT OF RWANDAN  
SWITCHING OF POSITIONS AT CURRENT GENEVA MEETING CULMINATING IN  
GOR DECISION SUPPORT COMMUNIST PROPOSAL FOR IMMEDIATE  
DPRK MEMBERSHIP IN WHO.

2. ACCORDING ROK INFORMATION, RWANDAN DELEGATE  
FIRST AGREED CO- SPONSOR SOUTH KOREAN RESOLUTION  
TO DEFER MEMBERSHIP QUESTION FOR ANOTHER YEAR.  
THEN SURPRISINGLY RWANDAN DEL AGREED ALSO CO-  
SPONSOR COMMUNIST PROPOSAL ADMIT NORTH KOREA NOW.  
LATER RWANDA WITHDREW FROM THAT ANOMALOUS SITUATION  
BUT FINALLY DECIDED VOTE MAY 17 IN FAVOR COMMUNIST  
RESOLUTION.

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3. HONG, WHO HAD ON RWANDAN DELEGATE'S DEPARTURE FOR GENEVA RECEIVED REASSURANCES OF RWANDAN SUPPORT, IS NATURALLY HIGHLY PERPLEXED AND DISAPPOINTED. TOGETHER WE SPECULATED THAT REPORTED DENOUEMENT COULD ONLY BE EXPLAINED BY VERY HEAVY PRESSURE FROM VISITING NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION, WHICH ARRIVED MAY 14, STRONGLY ASSISTED BY PRC EMBASSY HERE. BESIDES EARLIER \$50,000 FOR COMMUNICATIONS, SOUTH KOREA HAD PROMISED ASSISTANCE OF AROUND ONE- HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR TEN SCHOOLS. HONG GUESSES NORTH KOREA MUST HAVE HELD OUT HOPE FOR ANYWHERE FROM FOUR TO SIX MILLION DOLLARS FOR ROADBUILDING. THUS SOUTH KOREAN SENSIBILITIES CAPABLE OF BEING IGNORED BY GOR JUST AS RUTHLESSLY AS MANNER IN WHICH FRIENDLY AND HELPFUL TAIWAN AMBASSADOR GOT HIS WALKING PAPERS LAST YEAR. IN THIS SITUATION, HONG NOW HAS NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT GOR'S PROBABLE POSITION AT 28 TH UNGA. CORRIGAN

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